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Dr. Thomas came to Washington DC to work on nutrition policy issues in 1987. For eight years he was a project director at the Food and Nutrition Board of the Institute of Medicine, National Academies. Other positions he has held include Fellow and Research Assistant Professor at the Center for Food and Nutrition Policy at Georgetown University, Expert Consultant to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Senior Staff Scientist with the Life Sciences Research Office. Between 2000-2003, he wrote and published a newsletter titled *The Dietary Supplement*.

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